

SENATE BILL REPORT

HB 1923

As Reported By Senate Committee On:
Transportation, February 21, 2008

Title: An act relating to requirements for motor vehicle transporter license applications.

Brief Description: Modifying requirements for motor vehicle transporter license applications.

Sponsors: Representatives Hunt and Condotta.

Brief History: Passed House: 3/09/07, 96-1; 1/22/08, 96-1.

Committee Activity: Transportation: 2/20/08, 2/21/08 [DP].

SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Haugen, Chair; Marr, Vice Chair; Benton, Berkey, Delvin, Eide, Holmquist, Kastama, Kauffman, Kilmer, King, Pflug, Sheldon and Spanel.

Staff: Janice Baumgardt (786-7319)

Background: A vehicle used to tow disabled vehicles from public roads or highways must be operated by a registered tow truck operator or someone who, at a minimum, has met the same insurance and inspection requirements that registered tow truck operators must meet.

A transporter license is required for those in the business of delivering vehicles by driving or towing them. Transporter license plates must be attached to any vehicle being delivered by a licensed vehicle transporter.

Summary of Bill: An applicant for a transporter's license is required to indicate if the license will be used to recover disabled vehicles from a public road or highway for compensation. If so, the applicant will also be required to indicate if the applicant is a registered tow truck operator.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Available.

Committee/Commission/Task Force Created: No.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony: PRO: Non-registered tow trucks are required to be insured and inspected when towing disabled vehicles from public highways, but it is currently

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not enforced. This first step will help identify those not registered who are towing disabled vehicles from public highways. This will lead to the Washington State Patrol working with the Department of Licensing to identify the non-registered tow truck operators who are towing vehicles.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Stu Halsan, Towing and Recovery Association of Washington; Doug Faber, Mount Vernon Towing.